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An apt illustration of the difficulty, or rather impossibility, of making a hard and fast constitution which would last through all time, and need no amoudment, was afforded in the written Constitution of the Great Republic. There was nothing in the instrument on which its authors prided themselves so much as on the provisions made for the quadrennial election of their President, without on each occasion plunging the country into what, to many minds. seemed to be the thross of a semi-revolution. In order to avoid this danger, which in the eyes of the framers bomed large, it was determined that the erection of the Chief Magistrate should be taken altogether our of the hands of the commonalty, and placed in those of a witenagemot denominated the "Electoral College." These wise men, who were, it was presured, to be above all mere party consideration, and intent only on making choice of the ideally best individual for the weighty post of Chief of the new nation, we e to meet at a stated period, and then and there after due discussion elect the President. Each member was to write the name of his choice, on a slip of paper, which he was to seal up; and these votes were to be transmitted to the president of mulated wealth is inflicting, socially and the Senate, who was to open them in the presence of both Houses; and the individual with most votes was to be for h with declared President. The device spoke more for the heart than for the head of the constitution | sure to follow. It is under these conditions makers, who, thoroughly honest themselves, that Mr. Rooskyklt, laving left the dread should be taken to prevent the unauthorized are able to proceed against anyone attempting believed that future politicians would have of responsibility behind him, has stepped lisene of bank notes

no thoughts beyond the good of the forward, and doubtless his country, if for TELEGRAMS. of delegates wherein each elector was CO., for the Presidential chair. Logically some tell unwelcome truths in the full confidence defeated, and 2,000 casualties are able, and for this unexpected necessity no provision had been made, so the practice grew up that each party that though itself strong enough, or had money enough to bear the expense, elected a party Convention, and at this convention the party after much discussion, often heated, finally selected the individual to be put forward as its candidate, for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency respectively. This was done before the election of the Electoral College, which soon came, contrary to the desire of the original framers, to be selected by the people at large, so that the struggle became purely a test of the strength of the parties, each elector being pledged to vote for the candidate previously selected by his party. Now, with the hoped for object of giving the College ample time for deliberation, its years. SELECTED FOR OUR own election had ben fixed some five months in advance of the expiry of the presidential term then current; it was also hoped that the election of the President taking place regularly a month or two in advance of the vacation of the Chair, the incoming and outgoing Presidents would be anabled to confer together regarding the needs of the country; and a continuity of effort and policy from one tenure to another be thus ensured. Naturally, as human nature is constituted, this hope also was shattered. Nothing was less likely in fact than that the nomines of his party come straight from the poll should desire to consult his already effete predecessor, especially

if the party had changed, or the "ticket! had been altered. The consequence accordingly is that there exists a sort of int rregnum between the election of the new, and the retirement of the old, during which the country is ruled personally by the President actually in office who occupies the anomalous position for a constitutional ruler of being absolutely without responsibility. It is quite true that his powers are limited by the letter of the Constitution; he cannot declare war, and the Senate will not let him conclude peace, but he can place things in such a position, that one or other may have become a practical necessity by the time he vacates the White House. One of the results of this curious position is that the outgoing Pre. sident has an opportunity, which he not All letters for publication should be written on unfrequently takes, of paying off old scores against the Senate or House, whichever may have already appeared in other papers will be have become obnoxious. Even so capable and congenial a President as Mr. ROOSEit convenient to take advantage of the opening. With the natural instinct of a born administrator, Mr. Roosgyelr during his term of office has been seeking to increase the efficiency of the means in his hand for the prevention of crime; and Congress, with an equally instinctive dread of anything defray the annual expenses. savouring of secrecy or concealment, has been thwarting his efforts at every turn. The subject is always a delicate one, and engaged as he was in the struggle against the too powerful trusts, who have been seriously obstructing a return to better things in the government of the States, Mr. ROOSEVELT found it was wiser for the time being to preserve silence. Having now arrived at the irresponsible period of his to a departing President, Mr. ROSSEVELT has spoken out. Soft words, says the proverb, butter no parsnips, but on the ther hand trenchant words often cut deep- in a few days ago and entered on his third term. ly, so Mr. Roosevert has not minced his language. Speaking of the obstructions placed in the way of his proposed strength.

ening of the confidential detective police at

the service of the State he tells Congress

plainly that the motive in their objection

the dread that too bright a light might be

turned on their own questionable, if not

criminal, connection with the trusts. The

reception that this statement met with i an

indication of what would have occurred

while Mr. Rooseverr had the rod of

responsibility impending over him. Disguise

it how they may, the best Americans are

well aware in their inmost thoughts of the

enormous damage that the misuse of accu-

p litically, on their country, but few are in

a position, and fewer still care to speak out

country. The natural result, allowing for | the moment inclined to jab, will in the long the instinctive weakness of ordinary run come to be thankful. There are forthumanity, followed; the witenagemot, when unately signs that both in the United States. put to the test of their very first elec- and in England the present murky at motion proved to be merely a congregation sphere is beginning to clear, but the omeun display some considerable differences. pledged to support a particular candidate | While Mr. BOOSEVELT does not besitate to method was needed for fixing on the name, that the nation will one day back him up, or names, of candidate likely to be accept- an English Prime Minister appears venting his spleen because a country, returning after its late orgies of socialism and disorder has thrown out all his reactionary schemes. In view of the fact that the country, everywhere that it has had the opportunity to declare its opinion, has pronounced against these revolutionary measures, the present persistence in keeping up an unwholesome agitation is inexplicable, except on the supposition that they are to be taken as councils of despair. and deliberately meant, so far as possible, to initiate a contest of classes. Both are, however, suggestive as seeming to indicate a general movement towards a return to wise councils on both sides of the Atlantic. after the political insanities of the last thirt y No communicable diseases were reported in Hongkong last week. but was able to regain Kobe in safety. A great conflagration took place at Soochow outside of the Chwang Men gate on December

The C.N.S. Tsinan, according to a telegram dated December 15th from Tokyo to the N.-C. Daily News, caught fire on her way to Yokohama

15th, when the Ching Lieu Kwoh, a well-known tea house, and more than a dozen new buildings were burnt to ashes.

in Shanghai by the P. &. O. S. Delta. Mr. and about ten in number, entering the matshed. The Mrs. Gracey have been in America and Europe intruders threw blankets ever the sleeping men for the past eight months.

The court martial of Lieutenant Frank 150 numbers—in other words set back for four plicity in the affair have been arrested.

-At the Marine Magistrate's Court yesterday the Hon. Commander Basil R. H. Taylor, R.N. Marine Magistrate, fined the masters of two unlicensed junks, \$5 each for failing to carry masthead lights between sunset and sunrise while under way in the harbour.

From the Broad Arrow we learn that Com. modore Lyon has been appointed a Naval A.D.C. to His Majesty the King in place of Captain E. J. Warre Slade, M.V.O., promoted to flag rank. We extend our congratulations to the new commodore of the Naval Yard in Hongkong.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 20th December, 1908, shows that of non-Chinese there were 311 to the Library and 164 to the Museum and of Chinese 158 to the former and 1.926 to Brownson } the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 469 persons and the Museum by 2,090.

It is stated that the Chinese Government is in hopes of making a start with the re-organiza. tion of the navy. I has been arranged that the Board of Finance will be requested to raise ten million taels for the building of dockyards and purchasing of warships and the Provinces to

In view of the promulgation of a Constitution for China the Government has proposed to fix the annual allowance to the Emperor and instructed the Ministers accredited to the foreign countries to enquire into, and report upon, the law relating to the matter in those. countries respectively. The Minister to Japan has already reported by telegram.

No fewer than six police officers were sworn in on Saturday for an additional five years. service. Inspector Withers, who has been over tenure of office, when all things are lawful 20 years in the force signed on for his fifth term of five years, Inspectors-McHardy and Fenton for their fourth period, and Det. Sgt tic 50,000. Fishes are equally prolific; the Terrett, Sergt. Kent and Sergt. Garrod for perch of 100 grams gives 9,943 eggs, the smelt their third term. Sgt. James Watt was sworn

Major-General W. P. Davall has been selected to succeed Major-General John F. Weston in command of the troops in the Philippines. General Davall is assistant chief of staff and in that position probably will be succeeded by General Thomas H. Barry, now in command of the American Army in Cubs. General Weston! comport themselves so much better in matters was not their dislike to a secret police, but left the Philippines for home on December of population? 15th and turned over the command to General Tasker H. Blias, pending General Davall's

> The Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps at Shanghai has forwarded to the Wai Wu-pu a constitutes a serious danger to financial security within an hour. and that if the Chinese Government would not guarantee the payment of those notes it should

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PORTUGAL.

London, December 21st. The Portuguese Cabinet has resigned.__

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THE NEW TERRITORY TRAGEDY.

Yesterday we reported that a man had been found dead in a matched near Shatin under circumstances which pointed to murder. It now transpires that the deceased and another Indian Mr. W. T. Gracey, American Consul at occupied this matched, and they were surprised Tsingtao, accompanied by Mrs. Gracey, arrived saleep in bed on Friday night by a band of men. but the nature of the attack which followed is not clear. At any rate when they decamped with \$250 belonging to one of their victims it was Evans, son of "Fighting Rob," the hero of the found that one man was dead and the other American Navy, resulted in the young officer wounded. It is suspected that the assailants being found guilty on a majority of the counts were railway employees, and, as the result of against him. He was sentenced to a loss of police vigilance, seven men suspected of com-

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A STUDY IN NATURE.

Stage Manager...... Mr. R. H Baxter

A French savant has drawn a striking objectesson from the lower order of creation, which, he save. might teach his countrymen something in regard to their suicidal policy which apparent in the registrar's return of population. His investigations show that the leech and the spider produce 107 eggs, the fly 144, the frog 1,000, the shrimp 6.000, the common worm 10.000, and the of centimetres produces 23,111, the herring 36,000, the carp 342,000, the tench 383,000, the sole 1,000,000, the plaice 1,537,000, the reach 1.130.000, the sturgeon 3,000,000, and the cod 9.000.000. The lobster, although it walks backwards, does not lag behind, and, according to some observers, produces 12,900 eggs, while others put the number at 21,000. A Paris, Now-a-days outdoor games are essential to every contemporary, from which we take the foregoing, asks is it because these species are not troubled with the feminism problem that they

to leave Shanghai for America to-day by the steamer Manchuria.

A fire occurred at a rattan shop in Sai Wo resolution passed by the foreign merchants in tane. West Point, shortly before eight o'clock Shanghai that the unrestricted and unregulated last night. The Fire Brigade turned out issue of bank notes by the Chinese bankers promptly and had the fire well under control

An Edict renders it the duty of the district at least regulate its issue. The Grand Council- magistrates to prevent in future all "squeezes" ors and the President of the Board of Finance, of the people by the lower officials and the genhave had a discussion on the question and have try. It explains that since these very district come to the decision that the provisions in the magistrates are in the best position to gain a through fear of the unpleasant consequences new Banking Law relating to bank notes and clear view of the profession which everyone orders should remain as they are, but that steps follows and how much he can earn thereby, they to make money by illegal means.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE DISTRIBUTION.

There was a large attendance at St. Joseph's College yesterday afternoon when His accompanied by Captain Simson, A.D.C., and was very poor. Mr. A. J. Brackenbury, Private Secretary Poszoni, Consul-General Leiria, Rev. E. J. more carefully studied. Barnett, Rev. Father Spada and Madame

Volpicelli.

predecessor. He was called by his superior to this class received the same instruction. Colombo last March. While here he endeared Arithmetic .- Very-good in I, IV, VI and himself to all. The duty however of replacing VII Senior. Good in III and V, and fair him, was made comparatively easy, through the only in II and VII Junior. excellent spirit he had fostered, while in the boys on the efforts they make to come to school was also weak in the problems. every day. There are some parents however who are rather careless in insisting on the regular attendance of their sons. Boys who are irregular are a hindrance to the general progress of their class. Besides they cannot be the successful student or businessman, punc. score any marks. tuality and perseverance.

The conduct of the boys in general is all that could be desired. In their dealings both with their teachers, and their companions, they always behave like young gentlemen. In this respect the boarders deserve special commen

The weekly reports still continue to be an excellent stimulus to our boys. Many parents take great interest in them, and sign them regularly. These, and the monthly examinations give an ample opportunity for constant and thorough work. I beg to remind those parents who are careless about signing the reports that we expect them to aid in the education of their children in this way. Every means should be taken to encourage

regular daily work. The special subjects taught in the College continue to make steady progress. In the there were too many pupils who could not read shorthand examinations which were held under at all. the management of the local shorthand committee we obtained the following results: Nine boys got 3rd grade certificates; six obtained

2nd grade certificates and three obtained 1st class certificates. C. Sequeira and F. Ozorio were awarded 1st class certificates for classes, Class I being the highest at the Ellis certificate of proficiency. E. Marques also obtained a full certificate of proficiency and a 1st class certificate for 80 words a minute. At present about 30 boys follow the shorthand and typewriting classes. Our last Oxford results were very encouraging. Six seniors were presented for the examination all passed, F. Lopez getting distinction in Spanish. Twelve juniors sat for the examination and nine passed, J. Thuan and E. Marques Sixteen preliminary boys were presented and all Portugal and Brazil; and Mr. G. T. Lloyd, editor | Kee and Mr. S. Kingsbury. South China Morning Post. Those gentlemen generously volunteered to give a medal to the second boy. A library of interesting and instructive literature has been opened in connection with the Oxford class, and we note with pleasure that our boys derive great profit from it. Any little contribution from our generous friends will be thankfully received. The Chinese department of the College is becoming more efficient. The boys who enter under 10 take up a very good English tone. But those who begin the study of English over 14 rarely acquire a correct English accent. Some boys in this department are very irregular. Their parents seem to keep them at home for the most futile pretexts. Three of the boys who passed the late Oxford examination were Chinese, but it should be remembut as they are allowed the use of the playground at Causeway Bay for only a few hours a week, much cannot be expected from them. well-equipped college. At present we have only one small yard for play, where the boys have hardly standing room. Of course our position The Hon. Judge L. R. Wilfley is expected court could be made by walling in and levelling the garden in front of the College. This would cost a considerable sum, but, no doubt, many

and one Chinese Assistant Teacher. Discipline and Organization: -- Very good. Sanitation.—Very satisfactory. Floor Space.—Sufficient for 522 boys.

Apparatus.-Very satisfactory. English Reading.—Good on the whole. Standard VI very good.

usual standard. In Standards V and VI

PRIZE : reproduction of stories. The pupils in the upper standards have not a great stock of ideas on general subjects for essays.

Dictation.-Good. Grammar.-Good on the whole. In Standard Excellency the Governor presided at the annual IV parsing was faulty and in VI it was done prize distribution. The social hall was tasted in a somewhat slovenly manner. In this fully decorated with flags. The Governor was Standard too the spelling of grammatical terms

Geography.-Good. Standard V might have Among others present were the Rt. Rev. Bishop done better if the questions set had been

History.-Good. A noticeable feature in all the papers was the absence of dates. Had dates Brother Christian then read the report been given even to a limited extent the percentas follows:-Before laying before Your age of marks would have been very much Excellency the report for the year, I wish higher. In Standard V the difference between to express the regret all in the College the good and poor papers is so marked that it felt at the removal of Brother Sylvester, my seems difficult to believe that all the pupils in

Algebra.—Fair in Standard V. The pro-College. The attendance during the year blems were weak. Standard VI very good. averaged 336.94, while the number on the roll at Standard VII Junior poor; 39 per cent. Senior present is 430. I must compliment many of our very fair 57 per cent. Standard VII Junior

Geometry-Standard, VI fair. VII Junior fair. Senior good.

Geometrical Drawing-Standard V only, poor. Marks were lost as no boy attempted question 5, an easy question. Full marks were given trained in those important habits, which make for 5/6 of the paper. Several boys failed to

> Book-keeping-Very good. Standard VII Senior and Junior.

> Literature-Standard VI and VII Senior and Junior. Standard VI good on the whole. Standard VII fair.

> CHINESE DIVISION—(Three standards in all). English-reading-Good in Standard I and II. fair in III. The pronunciation of many of the pupils was defective.

Colloquial-Good to fair. Composition-Fair.

Dictation-Good in Standard I, poor in II, and very good in III. The handwriting was

Grammar-Good in II, and fair in III. Geography-Good.

Arithmetic-Very good in I, very fair in II and excellent 99 per cent. in III.

Chinese-Reading-Good except in II where

Composition.—Good on the whole. Class I should do sentence building, II question and answer, and III a letter.

The standard of (hinese class III is not very high. (It corresponds with the IV class of 6 100 words per minute in addition to a full Kadoorie school.) The pupils should be divided up into separate (hinese classes according to their merits. At present the English and Chinese classes are the same. This system naturally tends to keep smart boys back,

Grant.—Some subjects show a slight falling off since last year. The general standard of the work however is good. I therefore again return the school as "thoroughly efficient" and recommend full grant. 35/.

In conclusion, Brother Christan said:-I beg getting distinction in religious knowledge, to present my grateful thanks to the following gentlemen for their generous contributions passed; the total number of passes being 31. to our prize fund :-- Vice-Admiral Sir Hedworth Ten of our boys entered for the local shield Lambton, Mr. H. N. Mody, Mr. A. P. Wilder competition in hygiene, but we have not yet | Consul-General for U.S.A., Consul-General J received the result. As a means of encouraging J. Leiris, Mr. Gonzales de Bernedo, Consul for the study of English we tried an elecutionary Chili, Mr. J. R. M. Smith, manager Hongkong contest for a gold medal this year. I must and Shanghai Bank, Mr. Percy Smith, Mr. Ho. say the boys took much interest in it. Tung, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Francisco Tse Yat. In fact their efforts were much appre- Messrs, Kelly and Walsh, Mr. J. Machado ciated by a large audience of kind friends and Mr. Ellis Kadoorie, Catholic Union for their patrons. A special word of thanks is due to the prize of \$25 for the best paper in Religious judges-Mr. A. P. Wilder, Consul-General for | Knowledge, Mr. Belilios for the scholarship of U. S. A.; Mr. J. J. Leiria, Consul-General for \$25 for the best paper in English, Mr. Shing

The following were awarded Oxford certificates of the grades mentioned:-

Preliminary-D. Rosario, M. Gochnico, L. Gootherte, L. Rabat, H. Barrenengos, V. Gutierres, R. Baptista, A. Silberman, C. Gardner, F. Gokee, Cheung Kai, J. Rodrigues, T. Carvalho, R. Luz, V. Yvanovich, Yau Loy. Junior-P. Prevest, J. Thuan. (distinction religious knowledge), M. Biard, J. Silva, I. Mayer, J. Asensio, R. Elias, F. Tavares, E. Marques (distinction religious knowledge). Senior-C. Sequeira, F. Lopez, (distinction

Spanish), H. Basto, P. O'Brien, J. Ezra, M. Sternberg. HIS EXCELLENCY, who on rising was re-

ceived with cheers, said - My Lord Bishop Reverend Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen: bered that those boys began English in the first | When I had the pleasure and privilege last year Standard. Our boys continue to take a lively of distributing the prizes here I was able to interest in football. We have entered two congratulate the masters and the loys on a teams for the shield competition this year. | very distinct and marked progress. I am very glad to be able to say this year that I can congratulate you on an even more marked progress than last year, both in attendance and in the results of the Oxford Local Examinations. The average daily attendance last year was 299; this year it is 337, which is a very creditable proportion of the total maximum enrolment. is such that we cannot expect a large cricket In the matter of the Oxford Local Examinations field. But I believe that a very good tennis. We have just heard from the Reverend Director that this year six pupils passed in the senior, one with distinction, as against only two last of year; and that nine passed in the junior division. our generous old boys and kind patrons would two with distinction, as against only seven last year. Those are results which you may be very The Inspector of Schools Report was as proud of, and if, as I hope it will be the case, the scheme for a university in Hongkong should fructify and mature during the com-Staff-Bro. Christian, 11 Assistant Masters ing year, it is clear that this college wil have many pupils who will be qualified to enter as undergraduates. I am glad to see that you still pay special attention to shorthand and typewriting, and that you have also a class for elecution. These are all exceedingly useful and valuable subjects of Composition.—Good to fair. Poor in I. The practical use in whatever sphere of life boys essays in VII Junior were not quite up to the may enter after leaving school. The school is returned again as theroughly efficient, with the essays should be done and not merely the maximum possible grant. During the past year

transfer of its director, the Reverend Sylvester, say of 315,310 bales, and sales amounted to to Coylon, but I am quite confident that the | 203,618 bales. In 1900, however there was an-Reverend Christian, who succeeds him, will other temporary check to business. The failure maintain the standards set by his prodecessor to of the Monsoon and consequent scarcity of the whom the efficiency of the school is due, and | raw material necessitated the closing of the that he will be equally loved and respected weaker mills and the general adoption of short as the Reverend Sylvester was (applause). I | time is Bombay, in October 1899. Receipts eame here this afternoon to present the prizes, then fell off from 315,310-to 151,610, and sales and not to preach a sermon to the boys, but I | from 203,618 to 152,277 bales. Since 1900 trade want to say one or two words of advice. They once more advanced with rapid strides and shall be very brief, and since they are brief I at the close of 1905 imports to the extent of hope you will bear them in mind. I do not forget | 338,696 were recorded during the 12 months, that this school is primarily a school for the sons | the highest figure in the annals of the trade. of European parents. I am very glad to hear The Russo-Japanese war had then ended and in from the director and the Inspector of Schools | anticipation of the opening of Manchuria the that the Chinese section is such a success, but Far Eastern markets were innudated with still the school is primarily one for the sons of Yarn. We in Hongkong received nearly 32 European parents. You all know, boys, that lakks of bales and Shanghai about the same the people of the great Empire of China are | quantity thus making up the amount to close now learning to value Western knowledge, upon 7 lakhs of bales in 12 months. Someand that their sons are going to Europe and how or other, thanks to the efforts of our noble America to acquire this, and that many of them allies, these anticipations were not realized, and are going to schools such as this in Hongkong in the absence of any adequate response They will there mix with European boys and from the consuming districts, this abnormal they will learn not only from books, but will influx of goods told disastrously on the market learn still more from their associates in the during 1906. At the end of that year 11 out playground and in the class room. Now, I of 15 native yarn dealing Hongs collapsed with want you to set to them a good example of liabilities estimated at 3 millions of dollars and what a European boy should be. You should subsequently two Indian firms had to stop pay teach them and let them see that we in the ment with liabilities estimated at over 60 lakhs West do not tolerate what is mean and what is of Rupees. Last year the trade increased in sneaking, so that when they go back to volume, but was on the whole unremunerative to their own country they can carry with importers. No better can be said of the working them the high idea of the standard of of the past 12 months for, although receipts and European boys. Every boy in this school, sales show a substantial increase, the efforts to however young, exerts some influence, and I adjust yarn prices to the lower level of exchange want you to see that it is an influence for good. during the past two years, have rendered business That is the only word I have to say to you. It will now be my pleasure to distribute the prizes which I see on the table here, and in conclusion I wish you all very happy holidays and a real good time before you come back to school at the beginning of next year (applause).

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Pozzoni, asrepresenting the catholics of Hongkong, thanked his Excel- 48 lakhs commission. lency very sincerely for the interest he had taken in St. Joseph's College. Such interest was certainly a great encouragement both to teachers and pupils. They were not only encouraged by his Rupees 33 lakhs Commission. Excellency's presence, but also received the kind words of advice which his Excellency all success during the coming year.

St. Joseph's. The cast was as under:---

Euphemianus, A Roman Patrician J. M. Lopes Alexius, under the name Ignotus, his son P. Prevost Carinus, a boy his nephewJ. J. Thuan Proculus, his Freedman and Steward

| I Ioomis, and I | | H. Barrenengo |
|-----------------------|----------|----------------|
| Eusebius, freed after | | J. B. Xuyen |
| Act 1 | | J. M. Tavares |
| Bibulus, | Slaves - | J. M. Tavaros |
| Davus | | |
| Ursulus | | R. D. Baptista |
| Verns | ŀ | R. F. Luz |
| A 1 1 | | J. M. Rodrigue |
| A - Terrorial Chamber | rlain | I. Maye |
| An Officer | | J. Asens |

Scene on the Aventine Hill in Rome, partly outside, partly in the court or Atrium of Euphemian's house, in the Reign of Henorius, the state of the yarn trade and yarn markets in former by 1440 pins. Scores:and the Pontificate of Innocent I.

THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY OF BOMBAY.

SPECIALLY WEITTEN FOR THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."

After three successive years of great prosperity the textile industry in India and the world over has this year witnessed an abnormal depression causing no little anxiety to manufacturers and traders concerned. Amongst them India has had ite full share of the depression and it is proposed in this review to deal with a few facts and figures relative to the cotton mill industry of one of our most valuable dependencies, more especially the trade in Bombay. Cotton yarn has contributed its mite to the growth and prosperity of our rising colony and is considered with us as second in importance and value to that of

The first mention of the trade is to be found in the year 1874 when sales of 2,243 bales in the local market were recorded. In 1875 sales increases to 2,715 bales. In 1876 importations from Bombay of 17,598 beles and of sales in Hongkong of 5,809 bales are recorded. In the space of four years importations and sales increased to 60,265, and 39,052 bales respectively. From 1890 the trade would appear to have advanced with rapid strides and in 1890 particularly over N. China. receipts aggregated 209,889 and sales 187.33 bales. In 1892 the climax was reached when supplies totalled 237,569 bales, and 219,189 bales passed into consumption. The year 1895 was a period of great | Channel, but continue to belog strongly over disaster to the trade when imports fell off about 30,000 and sales close upon 50,000 bales, consequent on the closing of the mints to the free coinage of silver by the Indian Governmont. In the middle of the year, exchange at once dropped down from Rs: 217 to Rs: 195 | Hongkong & Neighbourhood. | Winds, fresh to W. B. Stanton, E. D. C. Wolfe. per \$100, or 22 points. There were at the time about 70,000 bales of unsold and uncleared vara in Hongkong and Kowloon Godowns, and calenlating the decline in exchange at lik 15 per South even of China between bale of an average value of \$70, the depreciation in values alone mounts up to over 10 lakks of Rupees. In the year 1894 plague made its first appearance in Hongkong and less yarn went into consumption. Subsequently its clasticity, and despite plague and famine prevailing all over India, importations during

the school has suffered a great loss in the | 1899 reached the high, if not the highest figure, most unsatisfactory and unremunerative.

At the beginning of the year there were in Bombay Island 90 Mills, working 26 lakhs of spindles and 32,000 looms. The earnings of these 90 mills during the last three years have been as under, viz:-

In 1905 Rupees 31 crores, including Rupees In 1906 Rupees 3 crores, 14 lakhs, including

Rupees 47 lakhs commission. In 1907 Rupees 1 crore 96 lakhs, including

In 1908 the earnings are anticipated at 1½crore. These handsome profits have gone a long never failed to give. They were all pleased to way in strengthening the machinery and know that St. Joseph's College held such an financial reserves of many of the good important place among the educational establish- mills. Apart from this consideration of profits ments of Hongkong, and there was no doubt the Swadeshi movement and the expansion of that the work it accomplished during the past the home market has been given a great impetus year really deserved commendation (applause). to weaving, and the weaving of better cloth-The speaker concluded by again thanking his The spindle power of Bombay during the last Excellency and wishing the brothers and pupils | decade has increased by 20 per cent, whereas the loom power has increased by 50 per cent. The The Governor then distributed the prizes, mills are now turning out cloth which would after which the pupils staged a drama in two have been considered quite beyond their capacity acts by Cardinal Wiseman. The success of a a few years ago. The cloth turned out in 1906 play is gauged by the reception of the audience, weighed-measured 3.447 yards per pound, in and as "The Hidden Gem" was received with 1907 it measured 4.271, So that it will be seen great applause there can be nothing but a flat- that there has been more weaving than spinning tering result to record on behalf of the boys of | in these mills lately. And the Bombay spinnings have now obtained a firm footing in Arabia-East Africa, and the Levant, not to mention the home demand with its weaving mills and the numerous hand-looms scattered over the country. The yarn has been recently oa placed successfully on the Manchester market and if the Indian spinners meet the wishes of and satisfy the requirements of the English buyer by guarrantecing quality and strength another rich and large market would be secured for their production. In short the Indian spinnings are not now solely dependent on the Far Eastern markets, and to quote the words of an Anglo-Indian paper "whatever may be the trouble of Lancashire and whatever may be

> industry is more or less secured." These satistics given below may not be positively correct for Hongkong being a free port prevents any sort of official check or record, but they are taken from reliable sources and the totals are all from our own kept fortnightly figures. and it is reasonable to assume that they are not more out one fortnight than another and that consequently the figures may be taken as

the Far East, the prosperity of our textile

| approximately correct : | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|-------|-----------|----------|--|--|--|
| Year | Sales | Arrivals | Year | Sales | | | | |
| | | | | .161,504 | | | | |
| 1875 | | , | | .219,189 | | | | |
| 1876 | 5,809 | | | .171,491 | | | | |
| 1877 | 16,000 | 30,288 | | .169,117 | | | | |
| 1878 | 24,455 | | | . 213,834 | | | | |
| 1879 | 40,548 | · | | .215,375 | | | | |
| 1680 | 39,052 | `' | | .187,948 | - | | | |
| 1881 | | | | .221,144 | | | | |
| | 75.565 | | | 203,618 | F | | | |
| | B9,889 | | | 152,277 | | | | |
| | 112,450 | | | 197,992 | | | | |
| | 147,894 | | | 185,213 | | | | |
| 1886 | 141,974 | 175,291 | | 168,884 | | | | |
| 1887 | 182,152 | 178,790 | | . 146,633 | | | | |
| 1888 | 182,198 | 187,368 | | .,147,617 | · | | | |
| 1889 | 194,941 | 225,457 | | 81,818 | | | | |
| 1890 | 187,330 | 209,689 | 1907. | .,137,618 | 146,595 | | | |

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 21st at 11.30 a.m. The barometer has risen over E. Japan, and fallen elsewhere A depression which is probably moving

Eastward, has developed over the Lower Yang. tse, and the highest pressure is now shown over S. Japan.

the China Sec. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.05 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:--N.E. and E. (moderate : fair. Formore Channel Same as No. 1. Bouth coust of China between Same as No.

Hongkong and Lamooks.

Houghong and Hainan ... How to be BEAUTIFUL-Keep your complexion, Mrs. Ellen's Crême Charmante, Lait Charmant and Special Skin Tonic and Poudre Charmant will enable you to do it. Her as exchange settled down, trade again resumed | Specialities for the Skin are the study of a lifetime, A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd. Sole Agents.

Same as No. 1

LOCAL SPORT.

BASEBALLERS AT CRICKET

tried conclusions with a Hongkong eleven at the royal game of cricket, a game to which they baseballers, but yesterday they struck a "tough proposition" in a Hongkong cricket eleven. few local trundlers gladly lent their assistance to the visitors, and gave them a few points in the national game of Britain. In all fairness it must be admitted that the Americans took on game to which they were comparatively chums, but there is no denying the fact that when they got on to ball they shifted it "some." Local trundlers who sent up deliveries to give the visitors a chance, were somewhat surprised to see the ball scudding to boundary, but soon learned the fact that when a baseballer lifts the leather it travels. The visitors, as they say in Manila, ezoned the ball "pretty considerable," but the local men appeared to have rather buttery fingers. The baseballers went in first, but did not stay long, the wicket of the last man falling for a total of 38. Then the local team went to the wickets and the innings was declared when six wickets had fallen and the total was 139. The All-Americans then went in for a second turn, and during the innings closing with a total of 121 runs. Hongkong did not bat a second time, and the match ended in a drawn game. Scores and analyses follow:---

| Ist Innings, all americans. W. Deversaux, e sub b Liepmann 2 G. Hildebrand, e Pearce, b Baird 6 J. Delehanty, b Liepmann 6 H. Heitmuller, e Pearce, b Baird 6 B. Danzig, b Liepmann 6 H. MacArdle, c Young, b Baird 2 N. Williams, b Liepmann 3 J. Blis., e Pearce, b Baird 0 A. J. W. Peake, b Baird 10 L. Lammert, b Liepmann 0 H. A. Halton, not out 1 |
|--|
| Total 38 |
| BOWLING ANALYSIS. |
| Baird 6.2 1 27 6 Liepmann 6 1 7 5 Let Innings, H K.C.C. Lt. Haughton, a Devercaux, b Lammert 1 R. E.O. Bird, a Heitmuller, b Lammert 0 Capt. b Baird 10 Lt. Liepmann, a McArdle, b Peaks 66 A. H. Young, not out 31 A. O. Day, b Peaks 7 Extras 8 |
| Total Fix wickets for130 |
| SECOND INNINGS, ALL AMERICANS. |
| Delehanty, c Day, b Young |
| Total121 BOWLING ANALYSIS. |
| Honghton 5 — 29 4 R. E. O. Bird 7 1 42 3 Young 4 — 17 3 Day 2 — 27 — |
| BOWLING. |
| The match between the Hongkong Club and |

The match between the Hongkong Club and Club Germania was brought to a close on Saturday, the result being a victory for the HONGKONG CLUB.

Alleys.

English German

Alleys.

| Brown | 795 | 814 | 1609 |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Kemp | 742 | 761 | 1503 |
| Lane | 688 | 760 | 1448 |
| Tratman | 686 | 745 | 1431 |
| Atkinson | 744 | 668 | 1412 |
| Hooper | 714 | 634 | 1348 |
| Humphreys | 645 | 668 | 1313 |
| McIlraith | 718 | 587 | 1305 |
| | | | 11369 |
| | GERMAN | | |
| | English Alleys. | German Alleys. | Total |
| ,Wagner | 651 | 718 | 1369 |
| Meyer | • | 673 | 1330 |
| Eberius | 662 | 659 | 1321 |
| Seydler | 667 | 581 | 1248 |
| Hell | 568 | 754 | 1222 |
| | | | 1220 |
| ()hristiani | 583 | 637 | |
| Christiani | | 627 | 1122 |

Brown's 1609 is the record since the opening of the present Gorman Club. The winning margin of 1440 is also a record. The four composed of J. H. Kemp, Brown, Lane and Humphreys, who average 750.7 on the German Alleys, made a remarkable average.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

sharp, v. H.M.S. Kent.

Back-E. L. Shaw: Three-quarters-F. G. Carroll, A. E. Wood, A. A. Claxton, A. S. Printer; H. G.C. Bailey, C.C. F. Cunningham, F. C. Hand H. W. Lester, P. Linton, G. D. McIlratt.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL SHIELD

Below is the League table to-date. 1 12 0 0 2 0 0 18 0 NEW AUSTRALIAN SERVICE.

BHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA.

new direct steamship service between Shanghai from India. I trust that the proposed approand Australian ports, commencing with the priation of the balance at credit of profit and On the Hongkong Cricket Club ground arrival of the steamer Empire, Captain Helms, loss account will meet with your approval, and yesterday the Reach All-American Baseball team will prove of great benefit to merchants and that you will consider a dividend of Tla. 5 residents alike, and will enable residents to have per share satisfactory. The General Managers a constant supply of fresh fruits, hams, butter, and Consulting Committee are of opinion etc., and despite the low exchange, the goods will that it is advisable to add Tls. 135,000 to were comparatively strangers. At the Valley be able to be put on the China Market at a rea- Repairs and Renewals Account, the balance at on Saturday they had a soft thing with local sonable rate. The question of this service has credit of that account, which, as you will long been agitated and it is due mainly to the remember, was inaugurated in 1905, being efforts of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co. that | reduced to Tls. 7,702.34 on 31st October. The it has now become a certainty. The three writing down of furniture will, I feel sure, comvessels of the Eastern and Australian Steam- mend itself to you. On Special Repairs and ship company, namely the Empire, Eastern Renewals, the sum of Tls. 15.574.53 has been and Aldenham, are now receiving a subsidy expended; this amount besides covering the cost from several of the Australian governments and will constitute the new service. To celebrate | mechanical stokers for the four boilers at the the inauguration a large number of guests were | mill. The stokers have been in working order invited to visit the vessel on December 16th and for some weeks, and in the saving of fuel, not to at three o'clock they boarded the tender Sin speak of a considerable abatement of smoke, will Fu-yun which was gaily dressed with bunting return good interest on the money spent. for the occasion and after a few minutes run, the | do not know that any other items call for Empire was reached at the Hongkew wharf special comment, with perhaps, the excepwhere the visitors were received by Captain | tions of interest and fire insurance, which Helms and his officers. They were escorted to owing to our working with comparatively small the saloon of the handsome vessel where they stocks of yarn, compare very favourably with partook of "real Australian tea" and other the expenditure in the previous year, interest refreshments, after which several speeches were | being practically one half what it was in the made and responded to. Mr. Donald McDonald of Messrs. Gibb, answer any questions that may be asked. Livingston & Co. rose and said :- Captain

Helms and gentlemen,-In the unavoidable absence of Mr. McLeod and Mr. Kinnear, it devolves upon me as representing the agents of the Eastern and Australian Steamship Co. Ltd., to make a few remarks in reference to the occasion which we are gathered here to celebrate, namely, the inauguration of the direct monthly there was some "pretty tall" hitting, many service of steamers from the Australian Colonies boundaries being registered, and the innings to Shanghai. We also desire to extend a hearty welcome to the Empire, her captain, officers and by Mr. Brodie A. Clark the motion was carried crew, as being the first steamer of the Line unanimously. to make Shanghai a port of call for a period of nearly three years. Most of you are aware that for a very long time past, Australian importers in Shanghai have been labouring under the great disadvantage of being without means of direct steamship communication with the Colonies, in consequence of which it has been found next to impossible to import perishable commodities such as fresh butter, hams, fruit, etc., owing to the great difficulty of securing space in the refrigerations of any of the mail steamers running from Hongkong to Shanghai. For at least three years the question has been an aggravated one. Quite recently we have had a famine in Australian butter here, the sole cause of which has been the enforced inability of importers to place butter on the market at a reasonable price owing to the very heavy expense entailed in transhipping at Hongkong, coupled with the abnormally low rate of exchange which has prevailed for some time past. To remedy this unsatisfactory state of matters has been an object of the most constant and earnest endeavour by all parties interested, both here and in Australia, but, while the E. and A. Co have been in full sympathy with merchants and would have been quite prepared to send the steamers into Shanghai all along, had not the expense of doing so been extremely heavy and quite incommensurate with the amount of freight to be earned, the Colonial Governments have been very deliberate in arriving at a decision to pay such a subsidy as would cover the cost of the deviation to Shanghai. Thanks largely to the unwearied efforts of Mr. B. B. Levien, the representative in China of the Victorian Government, who recently visited Australia and impressed on his chiefs the urgent necessity of paying this subsidy if direct communication with Shanghai was ever to be established, the Governments of Victoria and New South Wales at length decided to consent to this course being adopted and called for tenders for service. The E. and A. Co. secured the contract, and thus it has come about that the Empire is here to-day, delivering the first cargo to our merchants. We are all looking forward to the new venture proving agreat success. Consumers will be largely benefited; merchants will now be able to go ahead with contracts, assured of regular direct communication with the Colonies: and, as the agents of the Company. I need hardly assure you that my firm will at all time be only too pleased to do all in our power to further the interests of al concerned in anyway we can. I ask you, then to drink to the success of the new service. The toast was drunk amid loud applause.

Capt. Helmns, who has been in the employ of the company for the past thirty-four years reaid he was not much of a speaker but there was a gentleman on his left who could tell them something of Australian produce. He was glad that the service had been started and hoped would continue.—Exchange.

THE EWO COTTON SPINNING AND WEAVING CO., LTD.

The thirteenth ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd., was held on December 13th at the offices of the General Manager (Messrs, Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.) Mr David Landale presided. The notice convening the meeting having been

The Chairman said : - Gentlemen, - Following the usual procedure at meetings in Shanghai. I propose, with your approval, to take the report and accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1908, which have been in-your hands

for some days, as read. At the last annual meeting, I remarked that the outlook could not be called brilliant, but that there were indications that the Yarn trade was assuming a more normal course and I have now to inform you that during the first six months of our financial year, the demand our spinning left a great deal to be desired, but, in the early summer months, the tide turned and enabled us to gradually improve our margin in profit. At the beginning of August, the situation appeared to warrant our again working the mill at night, and the necessary hands having been secured, day and night work was commenced on the 17th of that month, ed and it was to be remembered that H.K.F.C. in a Rugby match to be played at since when it has been continued without subjects of foreign States had passed terms The monscon will moderate in the Formosa Happy Valley, to-day, 22nd inst., at 5 pm interruption and materially helped the service in the army or navy. If action such as result for the twelve months under review. As you can well understand, night and day work taxes our European hands to the utmost, and the General Managers desire to take this Halves. - C.A. Ferrier, W.S. Home: Forwards opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the able manner in which the staff has overcome the difficulties of keeping the mill running continuously, and of securing the record productions, which they have done, and which testify that the machinery is in first class order. (Applause.) I am happy to say that the outlook for the immediate future is encouraging, our production having been sold for the first four a.m., and may be expected here on or about the I months of our financial year, that is, to the end of February, at satisfactory day and night working profits on our purchases of cotton, which cover all sales, and, considering the this port. comparatively small stocks in Shanghai Indian and Japanese yarns, combined with 7.30 a.m. on Thursday the 17th inst., and left the increasing consumption of yarn made again at 4 p.m. same day for Yokohama where them. The fact that Japan possesses supplies in China, I venture to express the hope that we | she was due to arrive at 6 a.m. on the 19th inst. shall be able to continue to run your mill day and night, and come before you at this time Vancouver on Saturday the 19th inst.

next year with a report at least as satisfactory. as the one now under discussion. (Appleuse.) During the year, cotton was of a fair average quality, but the crop of better grades was short The inauguration on December 16th of the and the deficit was made good with importations of numerous improvements, includes the cost of preceding twelve months. I shall be pleased to

> There were no questions and on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shaw, the report and accounts as presented were adopted. The Chairman proposed that a dividend of Tls. 5 per share be paid out of last year's profits. Mr. Crighton seconded and the motion was

> Mr. H. J. Clark proposed that the Consulting Committee as at present constituted be re-elected for the current year.—On this being seconded

Mr. G. R. Wingrove was re-elected as the company's auditor on a proposal by Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Drakeford.

The Chairman thanked shareholders for their attendance and said that dividend warrants would be ready on the following day. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

THE MERCANTILE MARINE.

In the House of Lords, last month, Lord Muskerry moved to resolve that it is the opinion of this House that, for the better defence of this country, the Government should forbid the granting of Board of Trade certificates for competency as masters or mates to any who are not British subjects. He pointed out that 1,900 officers and 25,000 men in the merchant service belonged to the Royal Naval Reserve. In the event of a big war they would all be taken for the Navy, and we should have to depend on foreigners for both officers and men to man the vessels that brought us our food supply. He deprecated issuing of officers' certificates to foreigners. In the case of war the captain of a vessel would probably be the first, and perhaps the only person, on board to hear of it, and if he were a subject of the Power with whom we were at war, what would be easier than for him to New Caledonia has now reached such an acute take his vessel into a port of the enemy? From stage, and the indignation against the Governthe return up to April 4, it appeard that there ment of France on account of its, apathetic were 34,052 British sailors in the merchant attitude has become so intense that there is service, and if the 25,000 Naval Reserve men a general outcry among French and British were deducted from that number, only 9.052 were | residents alike for the annexation of the colony left to man the merchant fleet; that was to say, by Australia. The proposal was first mooted manned by foreigners.

no certificates of competency to act as master or cally the whole of the people look to the Commate should be granted to foreigners, though he monwealth to save them from absolute ruin. would allow a foreigner to be shipped to fill up a vacancy at some foreign and small colonial ports. fairly-ganged from the articles in La France Foreign navigators should be discharged when | Australe, published in Noumea. In a recent the ship reached a port in which were facilities for obtaining British-born men with certificates of competency. If British ships were warned newspaper, Journal, of October 1, aimed against nent, power would be put into the hands of an alien to betray a ship and the crew would be placed in a most unfair position. The alien cantain might be a belligerent and mutiny might be a duty of the crew to their country. If the alien was a neutral he could not be hanged for high treason. He thought that on inquiry it would be found that most of the ships commanded by aliens were also owned by aliens; they brought no money into British pockets and had nothing British about them but the flag, and they hoisted our flag because we had a powerful Navy and efficient Consulates.

Lord Hamilton of Dalzell said the noble lor had frequently raised this subject and within the last ten years had introduced five Bills to give effect to his views, though he had never induced the House to give a second reading to to those Bills. No doubt from several points of view it would be desirable to see merchant vessels commanded by British officers, but the noble lord dwelt on the danger to our food supplies through the service of foreign officers who might, he said, hand over ships to the enemy. If there was any fear of that on a large all the proportion of foreigners holding Board of Trade certificates was not quite 2 per cent, and these were of many nationalities, and the probable proportion of an enemy's subjects would be very small indeed. British ships had British owners who would not entrust a ship to a man likely to hand it over to the enemy and self-interest was strong motive for carrying a vessel to he proper port. There were Norwegian sailers usefully engaged in the timber trade, there were vessels in the Levantine trade where the knowledge of a foreign language in a master was valuable. On the other hand, British officers and men were engaged on foreign ships and any such exclusion as the motion proposed would lead to retalistion.

The Earl of Meath thought the proposal in the motion eminently ressonable and Government reply most unsatisfactory. That the command of British ships by foreigners hadan element of danger in time of war was concedwas contemplated by the motion should followed by retalistion, so much the better; the British seamen would then enter the British

The motion was by leave withdrawn.

The I.G.M. str. P. E. Friedrich carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 2nd inst. has left Colombo on the 20th inst. 31st inst.

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NEW CALEDONIA.

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PROPOSED CONTROL BY AUSTRALIA.

The financial and industrial stagnation of

that 80 per cent. of our shipping would be says the Sydney Morning Herald of November 17th, two or three years ago, and the movement Lord Ellenborough thought that in future has grown, until at the present moment practi-The opinions of the French residents may be

issue a bitter complaint is made against what is regarded as an inspired article in the French against possible capture when war was immi- the canning and preserved meat industry of New Caledonia. Commenting on this subject La France Australe says :--"Those who govern us do not hesitate to take

any step to rain the industries which are growing up in the colonies. The article shows that New Caledonia is always considered by the mother country as a convict territory. On that basis of reasoning, when galleys were at Toulon. France could have called herself a convict territtory-such would be equally as logical. The writers in the employ of our rulers are ignorant even of the fact that all the convicts are concentrated a Nou Island, and that the result of this concentration has been to open up a very large area of land free from the convict.

"But what is the use of discussing the matter? We have all the disadvantages of a renal colony without the compensating advantages which usually attach thereto. There are only two remedies for all our ills. The first is that the entire population should demand that the colony should control its own finances. We are big enough to transact our own business. If this scale the prospect might be alarming, but after | demand is refused us then we still have one way open-the only way, perhaps, that will lift us from our wretched position, namely the annexation of New Caledonia by Australia. That perhaps, is the best."

> Writing on the existing condition of affairs in New Caledonia, a resident says :--

"The commercial position is getting more difficult every day, in fact, so much so that it is the general wish, especially of the propertyowners in town and country, to come under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth. This is not hearsay, but an absolute fact. In short, I do not see that the Government should have any interest in keeping the colony going, as it is quite understood that the convict element will be withdrawn within the next two or three years. Under existing conditions, however, this would cause almost the total stoppage of the circulation of money.

"The nickel and chrome interests are almost a monopoly. Krupp, of Essen, has lately began to buy nickel ore direct from here, and it is known that the nickel of Canada is not suitable for their works. It may be said that nickelchrome-cobalt and iron are here in inexhaustible quantities, but no workable coal so far as is known. The mining industries of New Caledonia and Australia could therefore be advantageously worked in conjunction. "I feel sure that the time has come when,

if a reasonable proposition were made to the French Government, it would be taken into consideration. Such a movement would include all the islands under the French flag between New Caledonia and Tahiti, and leave a clear read to San Francisco and the Panama anal."

The correspondent urges that the time has arrived for a decided move to be made in the direction of annexation by Australia, and thus anticipate Germany and Japan. Both of these nations, he thinks, look with envy on New The C.P.B. str. Monteagle arrived Kobe at | Caledonia, for nickel, chrome, cobalt, and iron deposits do not exist in territories controlled by of coal for smelting purposes would make New The C.P.R. str. Empress of China arrived | Caledonia, he thinks, a very desirable depenbusiness matter THE MANAGER. Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fleed period will be continued until countermanded.

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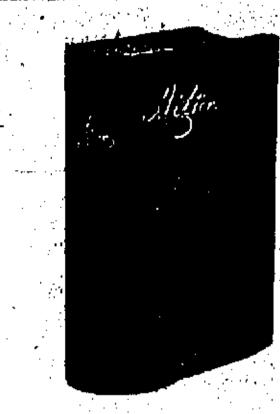
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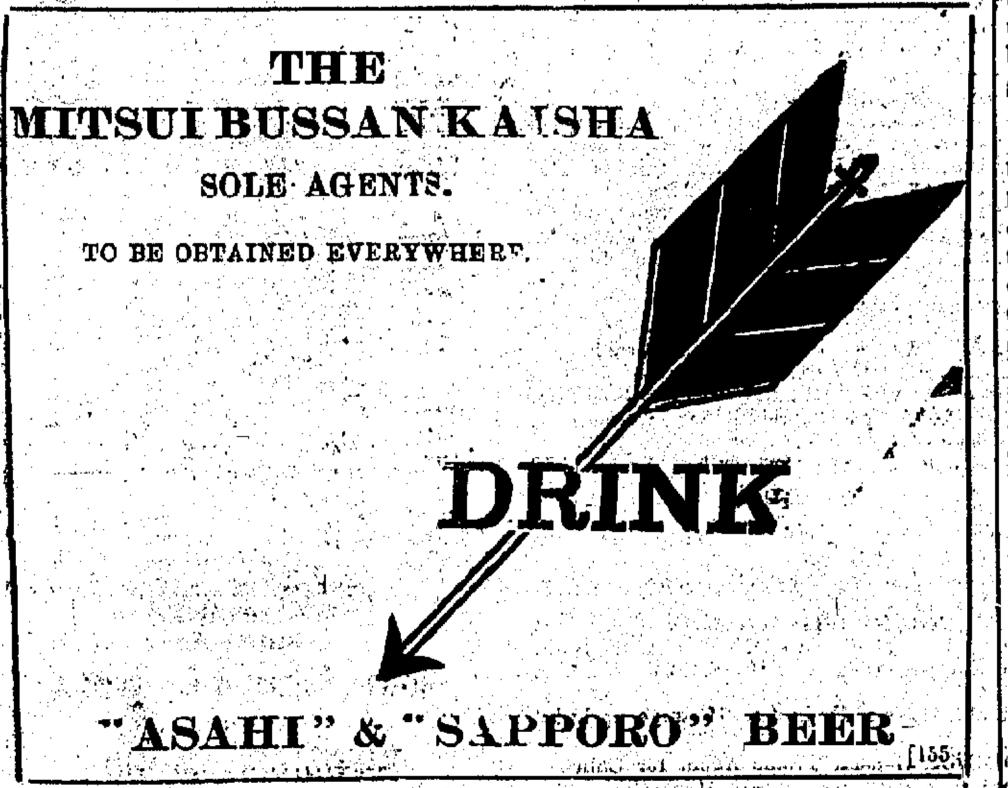
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In the Schaap oxy-gas welding process used a special burner, in which a blast of air at a pressure of 12 pounds per square inch is combined with coal gas, and which has a second be made. The "ordium" which prevailed in blast from which, air at 30 to 50 pounds per the Spring has been checked all over, and as a square inch can be turned on when the flame | consequence 1908's will be better than at first has been regulated. The combination at once anticipated. 1907's have developed very well raises the heat to about 4500 deg. F. In this and are now nice light and bouquetted wines, hot flame metals are welded with remarkable while 1905's have become quite remarkable, and facility, and pieces of cast-iron joined together prove to be stronger at the joint than on either side of it. Why a gas flame with two blasts of unequal velocity should have the observed effects on metals is not yet explained. In place of coal gas, acetylene, naphtha and hydrogen have given equally good results, and natural and producer gas would probably serve quite as well.

being shown by the investigations of the United | have resulted in the destruction of the vintage States. Geological Survey to be unjustified. which may therefore be put down as nil, there The experiments prove that the sewage can be is, however, abundance of supplies of the 1904 purified at moderate cost, and that the valuable and 1906 vintages on the market. materials recovered may make good this expense. wool-scouring liquor.

Baths of oxygen, in which the patient half reclines for 10 to 25 minutes, are being employed by Dr. Osker Frankl, a German physician, for female nervous troubles associated with increased pulse tension. From 25 to 30 quarts of oxygen are generated each time. The baths reduce the excessive blood pressure and exert a sedative action, each bath having been followed by quiet sleep in a severe case of sleeplessne 1.

The novel process of "lifting" in granite quarrying seems to have effected a considerable POUCHES, revolution in an ancient industry, greatly reducing work and expense - In some localities, like Mt. Airy in North Carolina, large masses of rock are solid and homogeneous, practically free from joint cracks and bedding planes, and can be split readily in a straight line in any direction. At such places it is practicable to separate immense horizontal sheets, several acres in extent and of any desired thickness, to be of 1907. drilled and split subsequently into the required sizes. A hole is first drilled to a depth corresponding to the thickness wanted-say, six or eight feet and a pocket is formed at the bottom by exploding a little dynamite, after which successive and increasing charges of powder are used to start a horizontal crack and extend it 75 or 100 feet in all directions. Compressed air, at a pressure of 70 to 80 pounds is then forced into the hole, enlarging the crack further until it becomes visible on the hillside. At the Mt. Airy quarries, two water-tube boilers. each of 210 horse-power, furnish steam for the compressor, which can deliver 2,000 cubic feet of air per minute through the six-inch pipes. driving the pneumatic tools as well as "lifting" the sheets of granite.

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The artificial butter of A. M. Sorensen; of Hojsley, Denmark, is made by stirring coccanut fat with a little salt and sugar at about 20 degrees C., then cooling and kneading, with milk containing lactic acid becteria, yolk of egg, and a colouring substance.

The immersion in oil of the working parts of machinery has produced quite remarkable results. W. Worby Beaumont, at the recent meeting of the British Association, pointed out that, since the advent of the motor car, the size of gearwheels has been reduced to one-tenth of that formerly considered necessary to transmit the power, and there has been extraordinary increase in endurance. While the special materials used are entitled to some credit, the bath lubrication has been the chief agent in improvement. The oil film taken up actually prevents two teeth from coming in contact, and cars taken to pieces after running 150,000 miles have shown not a working part touched, the teeth being no more worn than if they had been used but five minutes. The new method has been equally effective on other parts besides the

The new glaze of Karl Fischer, of Salzbach, Upper Bavaria, is claimed to reproduce the beantiful yelvety gloss which has made notable certain Roman ware. It has been supposed that the ancient workmen used a fusible glaze containing lead, boric acid, silica, etc., but this tournée des grands ducs, as it is still experiments with those materials have given no satisfactory results. A clay aludge is applied by Mr. Fischer to the ware after the first baking. The surface is polished, the ware being then fired, and the long-sought gloss is brought out. Interesting work with the new process will be done at the German emperor's private, pottery.

The new eye-glass, or "periscope," of Commandant Soule de Cenac, of the French Legion of Honour, serves the usual purpose of correcting myopia and other defects, of vision, and in addition, by ingénious use of reflections, gives views at the side and behind. It has proven unexpectedly valuable to the deaf by warning them; of dangers that other people detect by The body was conveyed to St. Petersburg for hearing.

VINTAGE REPORT FOR 1908.

Mesers. Cutler, Palmer & Co. the well-known wine and spirit merchants of London and India make the following observations in their annual Vintage Report for the year just terminating: FRANCE.

Bordeaux .- The flowering took place under very favourable conditions, the weather remaining fine for practically the whole summer. We have reason to hope that some good wines will are in good condition for immediate bottling.

Burgundy.—The weather was somewhat unfavourable in the early spring and the few wines made early in September will taste green, but thanks to the warm weather at the end of the vintage those made later will be superior to the 1907's. The yield is, however, one-quarter less than the average.

Champagne.—The cryptogamic maladies, and particularly the mildew which this year has The pollution of streams by factory waste is made great ravages in the Champagne vineyards.

Saumur.—The year has not proved a very while in some cases there should be a good profit, successful one, either in quality or quantity, and as in the recovery of wool fat and potash from | will not be quoted by shippers as a vintage, the spring frosts materially checked the proper development of the vines and the yield has proved disappointing.

Cognac.-The abnormal weather conditions which reigned during the spring and the first part of the summer considerably reduced the number of grapes, but the later warm weather had a very favourable influence on the crop, and although the quantity is very small, inferior to half of an ordinary crop, the quality is most

The 1908 vintage will not turn out so badly as at first expected as the warm weather that prevailed towards the end of the vintage did wonders. The quality will be rather better than medium and the quantity above ex-

The gathering took place in admirable weather, which continued during the whole of the vintage operations, and as a result the wines of 1908 are expected to be exceedingly fine. As regards the quantity of the vintage the yield is about 10 per cent. higher than that

Sherry.-The yield may be considered satisfactory as regards quantity, and the result may be estimated at an increase of 33 per cent. on last year's crop. The "musts" are in most cases less rich in Saccharine than past years, and the vintage will develop into light fine wines, rather than full bodied cloreses.

Spanish Port or "Tarragona."—An excepionally cold spring retarded the growth of the vines, but the warm summer weather prevented any great damage, and, though the quantity of the yield is distinctly less than that of last year, this is amply compensated for by the excellence of the quality.

MADEIRA. The vintage this year, though excellent in quality, is rather deficient in quantity.

Marsala.—Owing to the lack of rain the grapes did not ripen properly, and it is calculated that the production of wine will be quite one-third less than last year, the quality being but moderate.

The weather throughout Italy during the

year having been fine and favourable to the vines, and there being an absence of disease of any kind, the result has been both good as

regards quality and quantity. DEATH OF THE GRAND DUKE

ALEXIS.

The Grand Duke Alexis of Russia, the uncle of the present Tear and the brother of the Grand Dukes Vladimir and Paul died last mouth at his Paris residence, at the age of 58. He had been ill only about a week.

During the last three years since the destruc-

tion of the Russian fleet in the Far East the Grand Duke Alexis had spent almost his entire time in Paris. His father, Alexander II., had insisted upon his becoming a naval officer, and soon, as supreme head of the Russian fleet with the title of Grand Admiral, he rendered important services to his brother, the Tsar Alexander II., in the organization of the navy. When the present Tsar, Nicholas II., undertook the creation of the so-called volunteer fleet, the Grand Duke Alexis took part in the negotiations for the purchase of the ships which composed it. After the naval defeats of the Russo-Japanese war, which rendered him unpopular in Russia, he asked to be relieved of the command, and henceforth devoted himself to the life which seemed best to suit him-namely, that of a Grand Seigneur, keenly interested in all that was going on in the world of art and fashion. He became identified with the social, literary, and artistic life of Paris. His tall and characteristically Romanoff figure was conspicuous at the first nights of all the theatres and in the smart restaurants. He was often at Cannes and Biarritz, but more often still he entertained at his house in the Avenue Gabriel the best-known writers, painters, actors, and actresses of Paris. "Slumming" was one of his passions. He was curious as to the most picturesque details of the outer boulevards. Paris still remembers the famous excursion, lasting two days and two nights, made in company with the detective Rossignol, when he visited the haunts of the Parisian Apaches. During called, the duke was recognized at one of the Montmartre cabarets by some compatriots. who called him "Monseigneur." Periodically he visited the President of the Republic officially and was invited to the State shooting parties at Marly and Rambouillet. He had the reputation of being a good shot, and was often invited to Bonnelles, the seat of the Duchesse d'Uzès, and the Vaulx de Cernay, the estate of Baron Henri de Rothschild. The Grand Duke Alexis was extremely popu-

lar in Paris, where his desire to be treated merely as an ordinary member of society was invariably respected. On learning of his death, President Fallières immediately caused an expression of his sympathy to be conveyed by a member of military household to the Grand Duke Paul and the Duke George de Leuchtenberg, who were then in Paris. Ho telegraphed at the same time his condolences to the Tsar. burial.

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All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godwns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd inst., will be All broken; chafed, and damaged Goods are

to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st inst., at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

Hongkong Office. Hongkong, 15th December, 1908.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. "GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM MIDDLESBRO', ANTWERP LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship ."GLENAVON." having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed AT THEIR RISK into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf

mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed. Goods not cleared by the 23rd inst., will be

each consignment will be sorted out mark by

subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected. All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 23rd inst., at 11 A.M.

within 14 days of the ship's arrival. McGREGOR BROS. & GOW. Hongkong, 16th December, 1908. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

No claims will be recognized if not presented

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. THE Steamship

"DERFFLINGER." having arrived. Consignees, of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West

Point Godowus, whence delivery may be olytained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 24th Dec., will be subject

to rent. All broken chafed, and, damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th Dec., at 9.30 A.M. All Claims must reach us before the 28th Dec.,

or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDRUTSCHEE LLOYD. MELCHERS & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1908. THE OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO..

LIMITED,

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAV. Co. LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

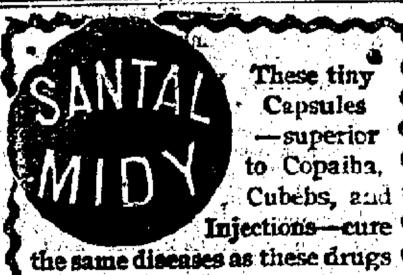
CONSIGNEES of Cargo ex THE OCEAN STEAMSHIP and THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s Steamers are hereby notified that on and after 1sr JANUARY, 1909, all Cargo ex these Steamers will be landed into HOLT'S WHARF, KOWLOON, which will be Open from that date to Receive and Store Cargo. For Storage Rates and other particulars.

Apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
C. DIEDERICHSEN, German str., 774, Kayser,
21st Dec.—Halphong and Hollow 19th
Dec., General—Jebson & Co.
Chinkland, British str., 1,228; W. Kay, 21st
Dec.—Dalay via Chefoo 15th Dec., Bean

CHIYO MARU, Japanese str., 7,250, W. W. Greene, 21st Dec.—Yekohama 16th Dec., General—Nippon Yusan Kaisha.

DEVAWONGSE. German str., 1,057, Brulin, 21st
Dec.—Bangkok 10th and Hoihow 19th
Dec., Rice and Teak—Butterfield & Swire.
DUMBEA, French str., 3,219, F. Boyer, 21st
Dec.—Yokohama 11th December, General.
—Messageries Maritimes.

Hsin Fung, Chinese str., 1,368, H. Mckinson, 21st Dec.—Taku 15th and Chefoo 16th Dec., General—Chinese.

JACOB DIEDERICHSEN, Ger. str., 623. Hansen, 21st Dec.—Swatow 20th Dec., General— Jebsen & Co. Kiangping, Chinese str., 21st Dec.—Canton.

Kumano Maru, Jap. str., 3,147, N. Mathieson, 21st Dec.—Melbourne 25th Nov., General —Nippon Yusen Kaisha. Kwanglee, Chinese str., 1,487, R. Lincoln, 21st Dec.—Shanghai 18th Dec., General—

C. M. S. N. Co.

Puglia, Italian cruiser, 21st Dec.—Shanghai
18th December.
Shinshu Maku, Japanese str., 2,163, Osakatsu.

21st Dec.—Moji 15th Dec., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. Sunda, British str., 2,986, G. M. Montaford, 21st Dec.—London 7th Nov., General—

P. & O. S. N. Co.

SUNGKIANG, British str., 896, Pennefather,

21st Dec.—Hoilo 16th December, Hemp

and Sugar—Butterfield & Swire.

WAKASA MARU, Jap. str., 9,884, M. Nielsen,

21st Dec.—Yokohama via ports 9th Dec.,

General—Nippon Yusan Kaisha.
Yuknsang, British steamer, 1,128, P. H. Rolfe,
21st Dec.—Manila 18th Dec., General—
Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES.

21st December.
Chenan, British str., for Shanghai.
Dumbea, French str., for Europe.
Fukura Maru, Jap. str., for Moji.
Haiching, British str., for Swatow.
Hilary, German str., for Hengay.
Hongkong Maru, Jap. str., for Yokohama.
J. Diederichsen, German str., for Hoihow.
Yetorofu Maru, Jap. str., for Kohe.

DEPARTURES.

21st December.

CALCHAS, British str., for London.

BIGNAL, German str., for Haiphong.

TAISHUN, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

YATSHING, British str., for Shanghai.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. Chinking reports: Strong
N.E. gale with high sea.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

December 21st.

ABERDEEN DOCK.—Sammen.
KOWLOON DOCK.—H.M.S. Virago, Hinsang,
Hilary, H.M.S. Alacrity, Prinz Waldemar,
Protector, Heliopolis.
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S.S. "MUNCASTER CASTLE"

On 19th Jan., 09

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1908. [1298]

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PORTS).

FIGHE Company's Steamship

"E. FRANZ FERDINAND,"
Captain Nitsche, will be despatched as above on or about 24th December.
This Steamer has capital accommodation for passengers, electric light and carries a doctor.
For information as to Passage and Freight,

SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.
Princes' Buildings.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1908. [3

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE
AND MOJI.

FTHE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR,"
Captain A. Stewart, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 28th inst., at Noon.

This Steamer has superior accommodation for passengers, is installed throughout with Electric Light and carries a duly certified doctor.

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FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"GLENEARN"
Captain Haughton, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 6th January, 1909.
For Freight, apply to
McGREGOR BROS. & GOW.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1908. [1678]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessels, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k," nearest Hongkong "h" midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k,w." together with the number denoting the section.

BECTIONS.

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

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| c | LONDON & ANI WELL VIR BIRGEFORM, DANIEL LONDON &C., VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL | DELTA | Helt. str | - | D. 14 . II. 1310M | P. & O. S. N. Oo. | On 26th inst., at Noon. |
| "], | LONDON & ANTWERP | GLENMARN | Brit. str | k. w. | Haugton | McGregor Bros. & Gow | On 6th Jan. |
| .[| ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c | DEN OF OGIL | Ger. str | E.W. | V. Dähren | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 5th Jan. |
| 1 | HANCE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c | ISTRIA | Ger. str | k.w. | Luning | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE | On 27th inst. |
| 1 | HAVRE & HAMBURG VIL STRAITS, &c | BARCELONA | Ger. str | k. W. | Pors lins | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LIKIR | On 11th Jan. On 25th Jan. |
| ٠, ا | HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c | C. FERD. LAMISZ | Ger. str | k.w. | wagner | HAMBURG-AMREIKA LINIE | On 28th Jan. |
| - I | HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c | SLAVONIA | Ger. str | k. w. | Peter | HAMBURG-AMPRIKA LINIB | On 22nd Febr. |
| | HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c | ANDALUSIA | Ger. str. | k, w | Boyer | HAMBURG-AMBRIKA LINTE | On 27th Febr. |
| ۱. ا | | DUMBEA SIAM | Fr. str Dan. str | | | Messageries Maritimes Melones & Co | To-day, at 1 P.M. |
| 1 | MARSEILLES & LONDON VIA BOMBAY | MACEDONIA | Brit. str. | _ | C. D. Bennett, B.NR | P. & O. S. N. Co. | Beginning of January. On 20th March. |
| } | GENOA. MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ANTWERP, &C. | HIBANO MARU | Jap. str | _ | TILL Preser | NIPPON YTIRMS KATRUA | On 30th inst., at D'light |
| 9 | MARSEILLES LONCON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &C. | WARASA MARU | Jap. str | _ | N. Nielsn | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | To-morrow, at Daylight |
| - I | WARSHILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c | SADO MARO | Ger. str | <u> </u> | Crev. Alluerson | NIPPON YUSHN KAISHA! | On 6th Jan., at D'light |
| i | NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR &C | Buelow Prinzess Alice | Ger. str. | | G. Rott | Миссина & Со Миссина & Со | On 30th inst., at Noon. On 10th March. |
| | NAPLES. GENOA. ALGIERS, GIBBALTAR, &C | E. F. FEEDINAND | | – | Nitsche | SANDER, WIELER & Co | About 24th inst. |
| ا با | NEW YORK | LENNOX | Brit. str | - | | DODWELL & Co., LTD | To-day. |
| u | NEW YORK | SIKH | Brit. str | | *** 111 181 189 181 | DODWILL & Co., LTD. | On 26th Inst. |
| , | NEW YORK & BOSTON VIA SUEZ PORTS | INDRAWADI | Brit. etr Brit. etr | in the second se | Williams | JABDINE MATHESON & Co. LD. | On 5th Jau. |
| | ROSTON & NEW YORK | Muncasted Castle Empress of Japan | Brit. str | 2 m. | | CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co | On 19th Jan. |
| - | VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c | MONTEAGLE | Brit, str. | 1 m. | 1 100 400 100 101 | CANADIAN PACIFIC B. Co | On 16th Jan, at 7 A.M. On 2nd March, at Noon. |
| ٠, | VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &C. | TOSA MARU | Jap. str. | | T. L. Harrison | NIPPON YUSHN KAISHA | To-day, at Noon. |
| ₽, | VICTORIA B.C. & SEA! TLE VIA SHANGHAL, &C. | SHINANO MARU | Jep. str | | K. Kawara | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | On 5th Jan, at Noon. |
| _ | VICTORIA B.C. & TACOMA VIA JAPAN | INVERIC | Brit. str Brit. str | 1 m. | J. Boyd | Dodwell & Co, Ltd | On 14th Jan. |
| ": | AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | TAIYUAN | Jap. str | . * . | A. E. Moses | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA | To-day, at 4 P.M. |
| <u>'</u> | A STRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | PRINZ WALDEMAR, | Ger. str | | F. Iseke | MELCHES & Co | On 24th inst, at Noon. On 31st inst, at 5 P.M. |
| ۰, | AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA PORT DARWIN | EMPIRE | Brit, str | - | P. T. Helms | Gibb, Livingston & Co | On 7th Jan at Noon. |
| -] | AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA | Kumano Maru | Jap. str | • | N. Mathieson | NIPPON YUSBN KAISHA | On 22nd Jan., at Noon: |
| | KOBE & YOKOHAMA | SANUKI MARU | Jap. str Jap. str | | K. Homma | NIPPON YUSEN KAISHE | On 26th inst., at D'light |
| 1 | NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | KUMANO MARU | Dut. str | | Н. Кооря | Nippon Yusen Kaisha Java-China-Japan Lijn | To-morrow, at Noon. Quick despatch. |
| 1 | SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | Tonkin | Fren.str | <u> </u> | Charbonnel | MESSAGERIES MARITIMES | About 21st inst: |
| | SHANGHAI & KOBE | YETOROFU MARU | Jap. str | | K. Sato | NIPPON YUSHN KAISHA | To-day, |
| } | SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW | BUJUN MARU | Jap. str | | Y. Fuseno | Osaka Shosen Kaisha | Tomorrow, at 8 A.M. |
| | SHANGHAI | TUNGSHING.21 H | Brit. str Brit. str | | G. M. Montford | JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD. | To-morrow, at Noon. |
| .] | SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | KOONSHING | Brit. str. | - | and Manual Value, M.N.B. | P. & O. S. N. Co | To-day, at 4 P.M. On 24th inst., at Noon. |
| | SHANGHAI | Assaye | Brit. str | – | C. L. Daniel | P & O. S. N. Co. | About 25th inst. |
| ا . | SHANGHAI, TRINGTAU, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO, &C. | CHEONGSHING | Brit. str | 1 | V. McClymont-Liddell | JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD. | On 26th inst., at 4 P.M. |
| | RHANGHAT | FOORHING | Brit. str | _ | T. Arthur | JABDINE, MATHESON & Co., Lid | On 20th inst., at 4 P.M. |
| . } | SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MUJI | P. E. PRINDRICK | Ger. str | 1.4 De- | E. Malchow | DAVID SASSOON & Co., LTD MELCHWRS & Co. | On 28th inst., at Noon. |
| | HANGHAI, NAGABAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI | FOOKSANG | Brit. etr | 4 | | JARDINK MATHRSON & Co. LD. | About Slat inst. On 11th Jan, at Noon |
| - [| SHANGHAL YOKOHAMA & KOBE | YEDD5 | Dan. str. ,. | . 19 : 7 = 2 ********************************* | ***** * ******************************* | Melchers & Co. | Middle of January. |
| - 1 | SHANGHAL YOKOHAMA & KOBE | ANDALUSIA | - Gerstr | k, w | Block | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LININ | On 3rd Jan |
| - 1 | SHANGHAL-YOKOHAMA & KOBE | SLAVONIA | Ger. str | • | do Russian | HAMBURG-AMERIKA LININ | On 17th Jan. |
| | SHANGHAI | FHIRMTORO MARU | Jap. str | • | de Brouwers | JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN OBAKA SHOSEN KAISHA | Quick despatch. |
| | ANPING VIA SWATOW & AMOY | SHOSHU MARU | Jap. str | | Ijichi | O9AKA SHOREN KAIRHA | On 24th inst., at D'light To-morrow, at 8 A.M. |
| · | TAMBUI VIA SWATOW & AMOY | DAIJIN MARU | Jap. atr | | I. Sakurai | Osaka Shosen Kaisha | On 29th inst., at 8 A.M. |
| - 1 | AMOY & SHANGHAI | KIUKIANG | Brit. str. | lm. | H.A. Wall | BUITERFIELD & SWIRE | To-day, at 4 P.M. |
| 3 | AMOY MANILA CEBU & ILOILO | SUNGEIANG | Brit. str | | Passen | Butterfield & Swire | On 24th instrat 4 P.M. |
| ł | SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW | HAICHING | Brit. str | | J. W. Evans | DOUGLAS LAPBAIR & CO | |
| 1 | SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW | HAIYANG | ·1 | T | Hodgins | DOUGLAS LAPRAIR & CO | To-morrow, at Noon. On 25th inst, at Noon. |
| | HAIPHONG | Corrector | Brit. str | 1 m. | Jameson | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | To-day, at 10 A.M. |
| | MANILA | TAMING | Brit. etr | lm. | A. Somerville | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | To-day, at 3 P.M. |
| , | MANILA | IUENBANG | Brit. str | | P. H. Rolfe | . Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld. | On 24th inst., at 4 P.M. |
| , | MANILA | | Brit, str | 1 m. | A. W. Onterbridge | BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE | On 26th inst., at Noon. |
| _ | MANILA | | Brit. str. | | B. Redger | SHEWAN TOMES & Co. | On 29th inst., at 3 P.M. On 2nd Jan., at Noon. |
| | MANILA | Tankastas | Brit, str | 1 | B. J. Payne | JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD. | On 31st inst., at 4 P.M. |
| . 1 | KUDAT & BANDAKAN | BORNEO | Ger. sir | - | F. Sembili | MELCHERS & Co. | On 29th inst., at Noon. |
| 7 | ROMBAY VIA SINGAPORE & COLOMBO | TARASAKI MABU | Jap. str | 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | A. Mocker M. B. Lake | NIPPON YUSBN KAISHA | On 30th inst. |
| | SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA | LAISANG | Brit. str | | | Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld. | To-day, at 4 P.M. On 29th inst., at Noon. |
| | SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, &c | TJIPANAS | Dut. str | 1 / / / | | JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN | Quick despatch. |
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Capt. E. Malchow

31st December.

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1908.

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| Steamers. | Tons. | Captain. | Sailing Date. |
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| INVERIC BOVERIC SUVERIC | | J. Boyd Mathie W. Shotton | On 14th January, 09 On 11th Febr., 09 On 11th March, 09 |

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| | "EMPRESS OF | JAPAN" | | · . | 16th Jan. | | Febr. 09 |
| • | "EMPRESS OF | | | | 13th Febr | | March 09 |
| | "MONTEAGLE' | | | | 2nd Mar | | |
| | "EMPRESS OF | INDIA" | | | 13th Mer | | |
| | "EMPRESS OF | JAPAN" | | | 10th Apr | | |
| | "EMPRESS OF | CHINA " | . 6,000 | SATURDAY, | let May | 22nd | 1 May 09 |
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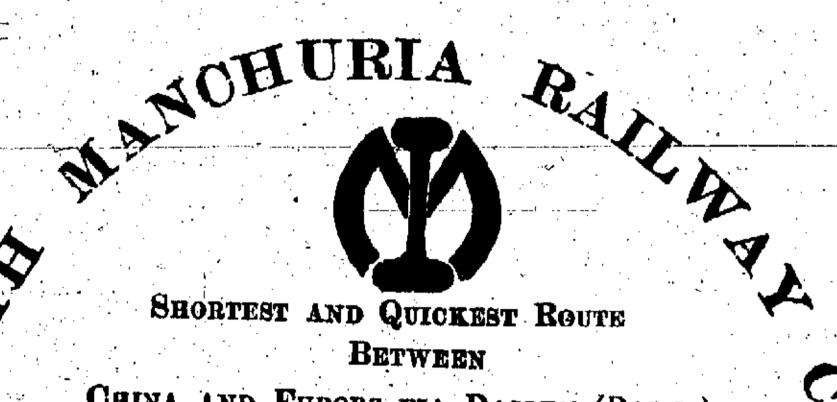
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December 21st. On London:-Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1/8 is Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ...1/8 Documentary Bills 4 months' sight1/8 ON PARIS:-Bank Bills, on demand212 Credits, at 4 months' sight216

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VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL. The M.M. str. Tonkin has left Saigon on the 19th inst. and is expected to arrive here this morning, and will leave for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon at 4 p.m.

THE AMERICAN MAIL. The P.M. str. Asia with the American Mail from San Francisco of the 24th ult., sailed from 26th, 10.00 A.M. Yokohama on the 14th inst., and will be due to arrive in Hongkong (via Manila) on the 24th

THE ENGLISH MAIL. The P. & O. str. Assage left Singapore for this port on the 19th inst. at 5 p.m., with the tee of 10 cents, up to outward English Mails, and is due here on the 24th inst. at about 5 p.m.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL. The I.G.M. str. Prince Sigismund has left Sydney on Wednesday the 16th inst. at 7 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 6th

THE CANADIAN MAIL. The C.P.R. str. Empress of Japan left Vanconver a.m. on Thursday the 10th inst., for w Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

THE INDIAN MAIL. The Apear str. Arratoon Apear from Calcutta' left Singapore on the 17th inst. afternoon, and la may be expected here to-morrow.

MERCHANT STEAMERS. The N.Y.K. str. Nikko Maru (Australian Line) left Nagasaki on the 18th inst., and is expected here to-day. The Austrian Lloyd's str. E. F. Ferdinand

left Shanghai on the 19th inst. a.m., and is due here to-day p.m. The J. C. J. Lijn str. Tjipanas left Shanghai for this port via Amoy on the 18th inst. a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow s.m.

She will leave for Java ports on or about 28th inst. p.m.
The str. Carnarconshire left Singapore on Wednesday the 16th inst., and is due here to-The str. Craigvar sailed from Seattle on the

15th inst., for Hongkong via Moji. The N.Y.K. str. Sanuki Maru (European Line) left Singapore on the 18th inst., and is expected here on the 24th inst. The G.N. str. Minnesota from Seattle has

arrived at Yokohama on Thursday 10th inst., and may be expected here on or about Friday The N.Y.K. str. Shinano Maru (American Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 18th inst., and is expected

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December 2nd-Soudan, Sumatra, Tonkin

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seus, Andalusia, Montgomeryshire, Ava Maru.

19th Ganges, Idomeneus, Pekin, Glenstrae,

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

December 18th—Liberia, Kleist.

Silesia (Aus.) 9th-Benlaria, Glenlochu

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for Yokohama, C. H. Harns.

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SHIPPING IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

BAN-TEK. American str., 329, D. Francisco Fabrigor, 5th Nov .- Manila 2nd Nov. Sugar-Order.

Borneo, German str., 1,344, F. Sembill, 18th Dec.—Sandakan 12th Dec., Timber and General—Melchers & Co.

BUJUN MARU, Japanese str., 1,811, Y. Finsino, 20th Dec.-Swatow 19th Dec. General-Osaka Shosen Kaisha. CHENAN, British str., 1,350, Wavell, 16th Dec. -Shanghai 13th Dec., General-Butterfield

& Swire. CHEONGSHING, British str., 1,255, Liddell, 15th Dec. Tientsin via Weihaiwel 8th Dec. General-Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Choising, German str., 1,022, J. Bruhn, 16th Dec. Bangkok 10th Dec., Rice Butterfield & Swire. Снаносноw, British str., 1,203, Partridge. 17th Dec.-Chefoo and Weihaiwei 12th

Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire. Chunsang, British str., 1,418, E. Sawer, 16th Dec.-Java 7th Dec., Sugar-Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DERWENT, British str., 1,562, J. Jenkins, 17th

Dec.-Saigon 12th December, General-Chinese. FOOSHING, British str., 1,423, F. Lishman, 17th

December-Chinking 13th Dec., Geneval -C. M. S. N. & Co. FRI. Norwegian str., 860, C. Wagle, 17th Nov.

-Manila 13th November, Ballast-Angaard Thoresen & Co. FUKURA MARU, Japanese str., 1,946, Sakamoto,

17th Dec.-Moji 11th Dec., Coal-Mitsu Bishi Goshi Kwaisha. GRYFEVALE, British str., 3,846, Steel, 17th Dec. -New castle and Port 20th Nov., Coal-

Messagories Maritimes. HAICHING, British str., 1,138, W. C. Passmore, 20th Dec.—Foochow, Amoy and Swatow 19th Dec., General-Douglas Lapraik &

HANYANG, British str., 1,207, Trowbridge, 19th December Chinking 15th Dec., General

-Butterfield & Swire. HELIOPOLIS, British str., 2,967, Wiseman, 15th Capt. & Mrs. W. C Dec.—Chinwangtao 10th December, Nil.—

Gibb, Livingston & Co. HILARY, German str., 1,276, Hatje, 4th Dec.-Pulo Lant 29th November, Coal-Sander, Wieler & Co.

Hongkong Maru, Japanese str., 6,176. H. S. Smith, 16th December—San Francisco 17th December, General—Toyo Kisen Kaisha. Hair Chi, Chinese str., 1,385, Jamieson, 18th Dec.—Shanghai 14th Dec., General—

KIANGPING, Chinese str., 1,222, H. Udden 14th December-Chinkiang, 9th December, General-Chinese. Kruklang, British str., 1,228, Robertson, 14th

Dec.—Shanghai 11th December, General— Butterfield & Swire.... HNIVEBERG, German steamer, 646, Henk, 18th December, Heiphong via Hoihow 16th December, Rice.-Jebsen & Co.

Kohsichang, German str., 1,292, C. Rosiefsky. 5th Dec.—Bangkok 19th Nov., Rice and Timber-Butterfield & Swire. Mr. Walter A. Hannibal Koonshing, Br. str., 1,333, W. G. G. Leask, 16th Dec.—Shanghai 13th Dec., General— Jardine, Matheson & Co.

KWEILIN, British, str., 1,200, W. Brown, 11th Dec. Chingkiang, 5th Dec., General-Butterfield & Swire. LAISANG, British str., 2,224, F. Wheeler, 15th

Dec.—Singapore 8th December, General-Jardine. Matheson & Co. LENNOX, British str., 2,361, F. M. Nair, 16th Mr. & Mis. James Reid November-Shanghai 13th Nov. General-C. P. R.

NAMSANG, British str., 2,591, P. M. B. Lake, 15th Dec.-Moji 11th December, General-Jardine, Matheson & Co. NICOMEDIA, German str., 4,363, P. Wagemann,

12th Dec. Portland via Porte 11th Nov.,-General-P. A. S. S. Co. PHEANANG, German str., 1,021, Fr. v. Mangeisdorff, 18th Dec.-Bangkok and Swatow 17th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.

PRINZ WALDEMAR, German str., 1,737, W. V. Senden, 12th Dec .- Sydney 17th Nov., Melchers & Co. QUARTA, German str., 1,142, H. Madsen, 13th

Dec.—Banka Island 1st Dec., Mollane-Sander, Wieler & Co. Samsen, German str., 998, F. Schmite, 13th Dec.-Bangkok via Swatow 12th Dec.,

Rico-Butterfield & Swire. SHIBETORO MARU, Japanese str., Atsumi, 18th Dec.—Tairin 11th December, Coal—Osaka Per Sunda, from London, for Hongkong, Shosen Kaisha. Miss S. S. Etherington, Messrs W. H. Worth,

SHOSHU MARU, Japanese str., 999, Ijichi, 19th A. J. McCallum and T. Hill; for Shanghai, Dec.-Swatow 18th December, General-Osaka Shosen Kaisha. SINGAN, British str., 1,097, Jamieson, 18th Contin. F. Slupley, D. Grant, S. H. Bawlings; for Kobe, Mrs French and Mr R. M. Scott;

Dec.—Haiphong via Hoihow 15th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire. SOLFOND, Norwegian str., 1,165, H. H. Hanssen, 19th Dec.-Rangoon vis Singapore 7th Dec. Groundnuts-Chinese. TAITUAN, British str., 1,459, L. Dawson, 17th

Mrs A. W. Purnell, Mrs H. Bennecke, Mrs W. B. King, Miss R. Mortui, Rev. F. Bernat, Rev. Dec.-Melbourne via Sdyney and Queensland ports 13th Nov., General-Butterfield F. Pons, Master Bennecke, Messrs M. Ausell, E. L. Deaves, S. B. Price, J. T. Tyack and S. Drakeford; for Nagasaki, Mrs T. Hirano and TAKASAKI MARU, Jap. str., 3,000, A. Mocker, infant, and Mr S. Mikami; for Yokohama, 28th Nov.-Bombay and Singapore 19th-

Capt. and Mrs J. H. Lears, Miss E. Sears, Nov., General-Nippon Yusen Kaisha. Messrs F, W. Owen, W. G. Steamson, H. J. TAMING, British str., 1,950, Somerville, 18th Dec.—Manila 15th Dec., General—Butter-Per Wakasa Maru, from Japan, for Hong field & Swire. kong, Lieut and Mrs McCabe, Mrs Swain, Miss Pelemachus, British str., 1,340, J. Williamson, Beygran, Miss Sweeney, Messrs A. C. Williams,

11th Dec.-Saigon 4th Dec., General-T. R. Abernethy, P. J. Benedicto, O. Boas and Chinese. Piercy; for Colombo, Mr Base; for Port Said, POKI MARU, Jap. str., 3,433, T. Matsushima, Mr C. Jackson; for Marseilles, Rev. and Mrs 19th Dec. Moji 13th December, Coal-Niven, Mrs U. Ninomiya, Master Niven, Dr.

Arnhold Karberg & Co., K. Wakasugi, Dr. N. Kumagawa, Messra Y. Sugimusa, H. Kawai and K. Tamura; for Tosa Maru, Jap. str., 5,823, T. L. Harrison, 13th Dec. Shanghai 10th Dec., General-London, Miss S. Kohno, Miss Takano, Messrs Nippon Yusen Kaisha. RIUMPH, German str., 769, J. C. Hansen, Per Dumbea, for Hongkong, from Kobe, Mrs.

20th Dec Haiphong and Hoihow 18th Dec., Rice and General-Jebsen & Co. INGERING, British str., 1.172, W. Stalker. 14th Dec.-Wuhu 9th December, Rice-Jardine, Matheson & Co.

ETOROFU MARU, Japanese str., 4,600, K. Sato, 20th Dec.—Singapore 12th Dec. A. Kletty; from Yokohama, for Singapore, Mr Esardas and Mrs Peart; from Shanghai, for General-Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

INCCHOW, British str., 1,216, W. Frazer, 17th Dec.—Ching Wang Tao 11th Dec. General—Butterfield & Swire. Colombo, Miss M. Hair; for Marseilles, Miss YUSHUN, Chinese str., 1,079, Pratt, 14th Dec. Tientsin and Chefoo 9th December, General -C. M. S. N. & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

ANNIA E. SMALE, American 4-masted barque 809, John F. Colstrup, 13th Dec.—Portland Oregon 8th Oct., Lumber—Mr. Jack. Suevia, Sydney, Kamakura Maru. 16th-Per. DAYLIGHT, British berque, 3,060, M. Bryde, 9th October Yokohama 19th September, Ballast-Standard Oil Co. LYNDHUEST, British 4 masted barque, 2,500,.

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